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# Johnson advocates service

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In the midst of Hurricane Katrina's aftermath Happy Johnson, discovered his calling while he was a volunteer driving an emergency vehicle for the Red Cross.

"Once I saw the need for blankets for families living in their cars and trailers. I think I saw a need for young people to get involved," Johnson said.

Johnson spoke at the convocation March 19 and shared the experiences he had while volunteering for the Red Cross. The experiences led to the founding of the Team Happy Foundation, of which he is the CEO.

Among its wide swath of responsibilities, the foundation principally aims to provide disaster relief and to educate youth.

The foundation has accumulated over 40,000 volunteer hours, distributed more than 3,000 blankets and has worked to educate 4,000 youth in low income communities through the Team Happy Johnson Youth Preparedness Program.

Further spurred by his desire to educate youth, Johnson wrote "The Adventures of Happy and Big Wanda" in order to impart lessons on hurricane preparedness, environmental stewardship and sustainability.



Happy Johnson, CEO of Team Happy Foundation, encouraged students to be "first responders" in their communities by being better prepared for disasters like Hurricane Katrina. — Emily Novotny/TRUMPET

The book aims to enable youth to be first responders and is about a teenager who is caught in a storm while en route to buy a snowball.

"Their perennial preparedness enables them to help their neighbors in need by providing them with basic supplies that are made from renewable and recycled materials," Johnson said.

During his convocation Johnson stressed the importance of service but he mostly spoke about his personal obstacles that acted as

the crucible that molded him and also of the power one has to steer their own destiny.

As a child of a mother who succumbed to drug addiction and a father that both sold drugs and was also a gang-member, Johnson is no stranger to poverty, violence and parental neglect.

Johnson remembered an encounter with his high school teacher that prompted him to cultivate his potential.

When his teacher confronted

him about misbehaving in class, he said, "When are you going to stop using your past as an excuse?"

That moment was to serve as a turning point and the springboard that catapulted his ambitions, opening a world of possibility.

After that encounter, Johnson sought to enroll in Georgetown University and in the process, learned the importance of persistence.

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## Basu to speak on 'Finding Her Voice'

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In the spirit of Women's History Month, Wartburg College will be hosting Des Moines Register columnist and author Rekha Basu.



Rekha Basu

Basu will be reading excerpts from her book "Finding Her Voice," which chronicles the various stories and lessons she has learned while writing for the Des Moines Register about problems facing the modern woman and the achievements they have accomplished.

Basu said she grew up in a feminist household and was inspired by her mother.

"My parents worked for the United Nations, so I grew up with a mother who had strong beliefs and taught me to embrace change," Basu said. "My sister and I were able to see the many issues that were affecting women while my parents worked for the United

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# New majors add diversity to biology department

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The Wartburg College biology department is adding two new majors to the academic catalogue for next year.

The neuroscience major and the environmental science and studies major were proposed and approved in an effort to bring diversity to the primarily pre-health focused biology department.

"I felt we had a group of students that weren't being served well," Dr. David McCullough, the environmental science and studies adviser, said.

Many students approached both McCullough and Dr. Samantha



Students in Biology 117 go to the river for experiments and to learn more about the environment. — Communication/Marketing

Larimer Bousquet, the neuroscience major adviser, about needing to find a place in the biology

department that was not related to health.

Fifteen current students have

already decided to switch to the neuroscience major, and nine current students will begin the environmental science and studies major next year.

Larimer Bousquet said the neuroscience major will help students make connections across campus by double majoring in other areas of study.

That is exactly what Tiffany Louk plans to do. Louk, a sophomore, realized she was not as passionate about her physics major as she was about music and language, but she was not sure how to combine her interests.

"Since music and language either use similar parts of the brain or can be accessed through similar

pathways, I thought, 'How can I study them at the same time?' Neuroscience — the study of the brain," Louk said.

Louk said she will double major in neuroscience and French, and would like to go into research, studying the processes of music and language in the brain.

McCullough said the environmental science and studies major will have two tracks: the science track for students interested in the biology aspects, and the studies track which will focus on the policy making needed for environmentalism. The idea for the studies track came up during a

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## NEWS

# Showcase highlights service projects

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Highlight, reflect, learn and celebrate are the words Service Learning Coordinator Renee Sedlacek used to describe The Showcase for the Res, Löhe, service trips and Orange Connection.

The event will be held on the first floor of the Saemann Student Center for those returning from events to share and reflect on their experiences.

It will be on Tuesday, March 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Our main goal was after they've done all these accomplishments and gone through all the processes and have come to the point where it's toward the end of the year that they can look back on what they've achieved and be able to celebrate," Residence Hall Director and Service Coordinator Alyssa Dahmer said.

Sedlacek said The Showcase allows students to reflect on what they learned on the trips and helps them think about what the trip meant to them.

"It confirms the learning but then it allows sharing so that more students can get involved,"

Sedlacek said.

Service trip student director Carly Russel is participating in The Showcase this year.

"Through The Showcase we hope to give each service trip the opportunity to educate others on what their trip did over Winter Break, giving information on what social issue they focused on and what type of service their trip did to combat the issue," Russel said.

The Showcase aims to impact faculty as well.

"Faculty could spark ideas; service doesn't just happen outside of the classroom," Sedlacek said. "There's lots of classes that embed a service learning component."

She said that the organizations featured in The Showcase help students understand the importance of community in a college environment, whether it is through action in service trips and residence halls or finding out about careers through Orange Connection.

Although there have been similar showcase events for all of the organizations, this is the first time the event has partnered together.

Organizers said this made sense because the common theme of all the groups was community.



Students that attended the winter break service trip to Corpus Christi, Texas volunteered at Bokenkamp, a shelter that helps kids that have entered the U.S. illegally from South and Central America. — Submitted photo

"There's some really cool stuff that's been going on, especially with Löhe and the Res and unless they have a poster or something outside of their room a lot of people don't know outside of their suite what they've been doing," Sedlacek said.

Dahmer said they chose to not

hold the event the same time as RICE Day because they believed it had a different mission that was not as formal and academic in nature.

Students who go to the event will receive a Bingo card to be completed and returned for a chance to win one of three prizes.

Russel encouraged students to attend the event.

"From the overall showcase, I hope that someone who attends learns about a variety of issues that different students are passionate about," Russel said.

## Seniors asked to consider signing sustainability pledge

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Seven seniors out of the 250 that were at the Grad Finale chose not to sign the sustainability pledge because they felt their future careers would negatively impact the environment, Anne Duncan, environmental sustainability coordinator said.

"We strongly believe that no matter what you do or what your major is, you are going to have an impact on the environment," Duncan said. "We hope that students are going to impact the environment in a sustainable way."

Seven seniors chose not to sign the sustainability pledge because they felt their future careers would negatively impact the environment, Duncan said.

The aim of the sustainability pledge is to help enable students to be more aware of the environment and how they impact it. The pledge was started by a Wartburg student.

"It has been here years before me...I believe it has been around four or five years because I have only been here for two years. It was a student initiative; though it had a little bit of a slow start. But when the sustainability department developed, it became part of our program," Duncan said.

"The sustainability pledge is basically to create awareness of social and environmental impacts," Duncan said. "It calls on seniors to take into account both social and environmental consequences of any job they consider and endeavor to improve those aspects of their work environment."

She said it is as simple as any student encouraging the gym in



Seniors were asked to consider signing a sustainability pledge at their grad finale. The pledge was created to help students think about how their career actions will affect the environment. — Emily Novotny/TRUMPET

which they work out to recycle. Anyone could pioneer this change, they just need to speak out.

"It is just those little things, like somebody speaking up and saying 'Hey, maybe we should do this.' I think as a society, we all recognize we should, but it is just being that first person to step out and be the leader," Duncan said.

She added that Wartburg strives to create strong leadership skills in its students in order to empower them to be the person to do the right thing, whether it concerns the environment or anything.

Duncan said she thinks students are listening and are committed to helping the environment by signing the pledge through the grad finale.

"It has been cool, especially this year being the second grad finale,

to see how students actually think. They are not just going through it mindlessly signing what they need to sign," Duncan said.

"Students did listen. They considered it. And the students that have been involved with sustainability walked up and signed it. Even other students that have never heard of it really listened, asked questions and were engaged."

She said students are excited about the environment and the bulk of them are aware of the environment and recognize that the pledge is the right thing to do.

Senior Samantha Banser said making the decision to be more sustainable is easy.

"Through RA training and other campus awareness

programs, I have seen how important it is to be more sustainable and the best part is that it's not hard," Banser said.

"By just paying more attention to my daily routine like how much water I use or if I am shutting off the lights when I leave a room, I can be more sustainable. That's just an easy place to start."

Duncan said there is more awareness, but there is a lot more to be done.

"As far as future sustainability, we have nowhere to go but up and to increase awareness. Awareness will continue to grow, especially as we see the impacts of climate change," Duncan said.

"Our goal for next year is to have more students involved that will communicate more on sustainability."

## Basu: Hopes to empower women through book

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Nations and I believe that motivated us both."

Basu hopes to spark a fire with women to become active participants in the world and become advocates for women's rights.

"I want the book, 'Finding Her Voice,' to inspire and create a sort of indignation among women," Basu said.

"All women need and should understand our history and the legwork women have put in for our benefit."

While she is optimistic about the future for women around the world, Basu maintains that there is still work to be done.

"There have been so many positive changes in the past hundred years, but there are definitely still problems. So many things happen under the radar."

In her book, Basu explores instances of injustice against women which have gone unnoticed.

"I am so pleased with the book, but at the same time it was horrifying to see so much injustice," Basu said.

"To see women responding was encouraging. There are so many stories about ordinary women who took action against what is wrong and fought to be recognized."

Basu encourages Wartburg students to be aware of the society around them and take action if needed.

"In some situations, you just have to hold people's feet to the fire. Be mindful of your own voice and ask questions. These are things anybody can do," Basu said.



## NEWS

# Students find resolutions on global issues

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For two years Syrians have faced unrelenting violence. Last week Wartburg's Model United Nations, WMUN, worked to come to a resolution to this global issue.

Over forty students filled a Science Center lecture hall Tuesday and Thursday evenings last week, each delegating for a country in WMUN.

This year's WMUN topic was about Syria, but more specifically about human rights in this Asian country.

Last year, the subject was Peace and Security in Syria.

"We have stayed with the theme of Syria because the issues there have been escalating and the world hasn't done much," fourth year and Founder of WMUN Liza Gashi said.

Fourth year Njoroge Nyoike, who represented the United Arab Emirates during the simulation, has participated in WMUN events over the past two years at Wartburg.

Nyoike said during the conference the delegates worked to resolve the issues surrounding Syria.

"It is slow work getting to a resolution, but it is meaningful



Lomoro Santino, represents Japan in the Wartburg Model United Nations delegations. Through the delegations students look to resolve the human rights issues surrounding Syria. — Emily Novotny /TRUMPET

work because this is how the world works. This is how the UN works. It's got to be persistent and innovative," Nyoike said.

Gashi said there were two resolutions during the conference but both failed in the general assembly.

Regardless, third-year Daniel Sopdie, delegate of China, said this is a good simulation of what he studies in class.

Sopdie said he follows politics, but he had to do more in depth research to figure out how China actually uses the law.

"You have to actually believe you are China, or you won't be able to defend. You have to defend your interests," Sopdie said.

Gashi started WMUN at Wartburg last year. The group has since been officially recognized as an organization on campus.

"There was a need for an organization of this type," Gashi said. "MUN brings students to discuss using a simulation of United Nations as a platform."

Gashi said WMUN provides a fun way of learning about the United Nations and their procedures.

WMUN meets every other Sunday throughout the year with 25 active members, but the formal simulation of the UN during Culture Week brings in the most participants.

"I hope that MUN will be a stepping stone for a new culture in terms of bringing diplomacy, discussion and excitement for Wartburg students who want to get a broader perspective on global happenings," Gashi said.

You can like Wartburg Model United Nations on Facebook and follow them @WartburgMUN on Twitter.

## Greek life could be a way for students to feel involved

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This year at Wartburg College, Greek life has been a fairly hot topic around campus.



Deb Loers

opportunity.

Dr. Deb Loers vice president for campus life at Wartburg feels Greek life is not necessary.

"The college has really not taken

an interest or seen a need for this because of the strong sense of community that we have," said Loers.

"I think that there is a desire to make sure that people feel that they can find a sense of community."

Everywhere in the U.S., hazing is a big concern when it comes to fraternities and sororities.

According to the article "Frat Leaders' Test Leads to Youth Death," "David Bogenberger, a 19 year-old student at Northern Illinois University, was found dead in the winter of 2012 due to excessive alcohol consumption."

This is just one example of hazing that ended in death. Many people are seeing concern with this aspe

Loers was in a sorority when she was in college and sees hazing as a great concern.

"From the time I was in college until now the Greek membership has dropped dramatically and that is one of the issues," she said.

Loers said she understands that hazing does not only happen in these organizations.

She said hazing was not limited to just these Greek organizations but also says the concerns are not just focused on hazing.

"I think the college's desire is to maintain and promote community where everyone feels a part of Wartburg so even though you might be in the choir or in whatever else, that your lifelong affiliation and your sense of community is being a Wartburg Alumni,"

Loers said.

When it comes to fraternities and sororities, not everyone on campus sees them as negative or unnecessary.

Student Body Presidential Elect Zach Sommers sees things from a much different view.

"It will give an outlet for people who aren't involved in anything on campus. One-third of students are not involved on campus, and the other two-thirds are music and athletics so this could be a good outlet to get involved," Sommers said.

Sommers said that it will take some work to get any organizations started.

"For the remainder of this summer and next semester, we will need to do a lot of research

to see what all is involved," Sommers said.

"It will take a lot of meetings with the administration I'm sure with Dean Loers and President Colson and get a formal stance on where the administration stands."

Sommers also said that he would be interested in Greek life if it was already part of Wartburg.

He said he would have rushed a fraternity at some point in his college career.

Scott Zepeski, said that he thinks the college needs a change.

"I see the biggest advantage of Greek life at Wartburg to be an outlet for those not involved in sports or stronger student organizations to get involved and find their niche within the Wartburg community," Zepeski said.

## New majors: More biology opportunities

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conversation with Dr. Bret Billet, a professor of political science.

"There's tons of opportunities out there that we wanted to make sure we address for those students that were interested in the environment but not necessarily wanting to be scientists," McCullough said.

Larimer Bousquet said much of the neuroscience major will be driven by research classes in which students will be able to choose topics that interest them.

"If those students fall in love

with science for the sake of science, that would be nice to see," she said.

Next year, Wartburg and Simpson College will be the only two schools in the conference to offer stand-alone neuroscience majors.

The environmental science and studies major is designed to help students focus on and address concerns about the environment.

All students will take an introduction seminar, and will meet again in their capstone to bring together all the information they learned, regardless of the track they took.

Neither major requires new faculty members. Most of the major requirements are already offered by the biology department, although a few new classes, specifically a new capstone for the environmental science and studies major, will be introduced.

Louk was excited to hear about the approval because she wouldn't have to build her own major.

"It will be a lot less stressful to scramble around to get it approved because now it has already been approved. Now I can just take the courses that are interesting and applicable," Louk said.

## Convocation: Service is a civic duty

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The thematic thread that ran through Johnson's convocation was his unswerving conviction that young people could be 'first responders'.

Johnson said that we as students all have a duty to redefine the paradigm of citizenship to include a collective sense of civic duty that would transcend national boundaries.

Johnson aims to expand his foundation so that it may help more people, domestically and

internationally.

The expansion would also include publishing an annual book and the design of a disaster kit created to assist survivors of natural disasters.

Johnson's closing remarks buttressed the idea of collective responsibility as he said, "Whenever there is an opportunity to live a life of comfort, there is a responsibility to live a life of compassion."

This concluded the convocation series of the 2012-2013 academic year.



## OPINION &amp; EDITORIAL

## What role does modern cinema play in society?

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After three high-profile shootings last year, the American public was understandably unnerved.



The search for answers, which would provide closure by explaining what drove each of those shooters, would also point to a path in which preemptive measures may be taken to ensure that those shootings remained in the past and no longer haunted us in the present, culling our fears of an uncertain future.

Joe Biden, in the search for

answers, formed a task-force to investigate the effects of violence in video-games, which has always been a chicken or the egg dilemma.

As Biden met with leaders within the gaming industry, some proclaimed that games were mere entertainment and thus harmless.

Similar claims have been made about movies, especially when they are placed in a critical light.

Yet the production of these media, from character archetypes, story archs and gender roles are informed by established cultural norms, even when they seek to subvert them.

I've never taken media as just entertainment; far removed from current events in society.

Even satirical works, which on the surface may seem quite humorous if not nonsensical, bespeak many of the injustices that remain unacknowledged by mainstream culture.

Obvious examples abound, such as the myriad foibles of the animals in George Orwell's "Animal Farm," to Steven Colbert's intelligent "Colbert Report" or the trenchant skits of "Saturday Night Live." The writers of these shows are as adept at humor and caricature as they are informed of the current events in their country and, in some cases, worldwide.

In a similar sense, many of the films I have reviewed for the Trumpet come across as blockbusters that promise action or

CGI laden adventure but even so, the films manage to communicate social and political messages.

My clarion call has always been that art and indeed artists, need to be interrogated about their works.

Media such as films, video-games and even music, are not benign pieces of entertainment but have critical ideological functions and transformative power.

It is expected that Biden's task force will report on its findings this year and there is much speculation of what that will mean for the gaming industry.

In the U.S., artists are relatively advantaged in their right to exercise free speech which has led to expression in a multitude of genres.

We must question whether that multiplicity exemplifies messages communicated with meaning that are resonant to the lives we live, messages that hopefully lead their recipients on a path to rediscovery and introspection.

If anything, my hope is that Biden's taskforce would instigate dialogue pertaining to the function of the media we consume and to acknowledge their power, regardless of whether they may seem harmful or not.

With this dialogue, we can hopefully chart a path that enables the creation of art that isn't only appealing because it is creative or entertaining but rather that it allows us to witness horizons previously unknown.

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Well, today is Monday. Insert generic Monday complaint here, all you lazy folk.

- TGIM

Hey St. Patty's Day drunkards, Thanks for the cheap entertainment. Gotta love it.

- Thanks

We need more teen pregnancy in this country.

- Overheard in the Mensa

To the guy in the morphsuit, I liked your suitcoat, hope you found your pants.

- Concerned Student

Major League Baseball starts soon!!!!

- Who's excited?

It's gotten to the point where I prove theorems in the bathroom.

- Math Student

I haven't but I saw Shrek do it.

- Overheard in the Mensa

First three weeks back from Winter Break: Gayla Week, Culture Week, and Holy Week.

- What happened to my calendar?

Each day my Spanish class reminds me of high school, and everything I disliked about it.

- Gracias Compañeros

What happened to heated skywalks?

- It's warmer outside

To the guy who snapchatted us twinning it up in the Mensa line.

- We saw that

Professors are so liberal here. Hard to sit through some classes.

- A conservative student

Shout out to all the Math Lab workers. Y'all are great.

- Thanks Math Lab

Both you and your smile are beautiful. Not too bad of a wardrobe either :-).

- Israel Admirer

Whenever I see someone else mixing orange juice and cranberry juice in the Mensa I secretly smile.

- Fellow Orange Juice Lover

All I'm gonna do is wear sweatpants with my hand down my pants.

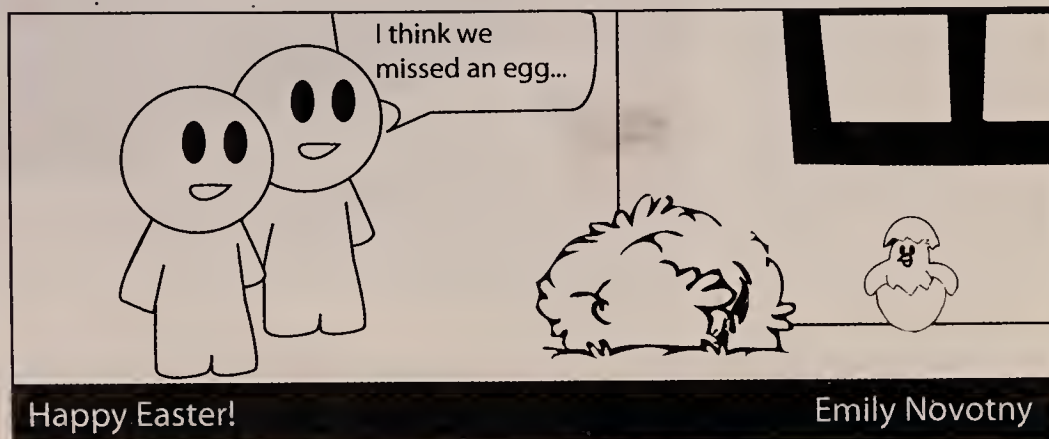
- Thanks Roomie

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Happy Easter!

Emily Novotny

## 'Oz' falls short of theatrical expectations

## Synopsis:

Sam Raimi directs yet another mega-hit movie as a prequel to "The Wizard of Oz" film, in 1939. Oscar Diggs, played by James Franco, no longer feels that he is a good enough magician and so longs to be the most prominent wizard of his time. Little did he know that this dream will be realized through a series of uncanny events.

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"Oz The Great and Powerful" is a vivid reminder of the enchanting visual effects seen in "Alice in Wonderland." James Franco's performance seems maladjusted to his role as Oscar Diggs.

His attempts at humor in "Oz" are sometimes bland and not well executed.

Though the movie begins in black and white, director Sam Raimi effectively introduces a smooth transition to high-definition scenes with very rich colors.

The beginning scene, which is in black and white, is very significant as it alludes to a period in which color cinematography had not yet been invented.

Since this film is intended to be a prequel to the 1939 film "The Wizard of Oz," the transition from black and white to color is a fascinating blend of the old and the new.

Despite its visual enchantments, "Oz" felt unoriginal. This movie might be better suited as a remake of the 1939 "Oz" and not a prequel to it.

However, "Oz The Great and Powerful" did present our conception of magic in a different light. It incorporated the rudimentary advancements in the field of science, which was peculiar to the era in which the first movie was set.

Diggs (Franco) achieves his triumph by using an image projector, instead of real magic, which suggests science as the new kind of magic.

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The first few minutes of "Oz" are in black and white and the frame is cropped as in the film's trailer.

This may seem odd to viewers accustomed to wide screen high-definition sequences, but that's precisely the point.

The film's opening accomplishes two things. It harkens to an age before film was digital or even in color the same age the original Oz can be historically placed in. It also hints that the director is willing to take risks, even to defy the expectations of the audience.

Unfortunately, moments like these are sparse. When we receive our first glimpse of Oz, it is a visually stunning feast of lush color that deserves to be seen in 3-D.

Scenes with the film's CG characters, a girl made of China and the monkey Finley, are animated with an uncanny precision that lends them a human touch allowing for believable emotional poignancy.

Still, the film fails to escape the well-trodden path of stories with reluctant heroes that ultimately save the day.

Challenging some of the hallmarks of that genre might have led to a more engaging plot.

"Oz the Great and Powerful" serves as the prequel to Victor Fleming's "The Wizard of Oz" and is directed by Sam Raimi whose Spiderman trilogy still dwarfs the franchise's recent attempt with Andrew Garfield.

Though it appears that even with a stellar cast, Raimi struggles to pull off a movie worth seeing.

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## KNIGHTLIFE



Wartburg's annual dance marathon raised \$32,000 for the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. During the ten hour day, participants and families danced and played games. — Emily Novotny / TRUMPET

## Dance Marathon raises money for the kids

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Wartburg's fifth annual Dance Marathon exceeded expected participation during the event March 23 and raised \$32,000. The money will be donated to the University of Iowa Children's Hospital.

The event consisted of 165 participants and 13 families that have been impacted by the UI Children's Miracle Network in the past.

Participants danced and played games in Levick Arena from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Over 20 businesses helped sponsor the event.

"It's all about the kids," Marie Sorenson, senior in charge of advertising and recruitment, said.

"Dance Marathon gives students the chance to spread the word about kids in need and allows us to show these kids that they are a priority."

Every hour of the event consisted of a new theme of dress worn by the participants and a morale dance to start the beginning of the theme.

Activities at the event included pingpong, a photo booth, four square, face paint, balloon animal making and dodgeball.

Student participants were split into groups with each having a morale captain and child affected by the Children's Miracle Network.

Throughout the day, some of the kids and their families spoke to

everyone involved about their experiences working with the Children's Miracle Network.

"My favorite part of the event is getting to know the families and kids on a more personal level," Kaitlin McElroy, a dancer in the event, said.

"It's an awesome experience getting to interact with the kids and hear their story."

In order to participate in the event, each person had to raise \$100 through donations. The total amount donated was earned during the event and through an anonymous donor.

*"We are simply showing our support through standing and dancing for those who can't."*

— Kaitlin McElroy

All of the money earned goes directly to the children being treated and their families to make their lives easier, Sorenson said.

The money being donated to the UI Children's Hospital is being used to build play and recreation rooms for the kids and is assisting in developing a new building being built in 2015.

"It's so important for everyone to

realize what Dance Marathon is all about and why we're here," McElroy said. "We are simply showing our support through standing and dancing for those who can't."

Dance Marathon is a nationwide event that provides networking opportunities between all Iowa colleges and universities.

All colleges and universities in Iowa are invited to participate in each other's marathons and communicate ideas.

This year a bigger focus was put on social media and getting more of campus involved, Sorenson said.

Wartburg's Dance Marathon is also open to the community and has received donations from many community members.

"Events like this show the kids that there is such a thing as community and togetherness," Ta'Mone Williams, a student involved in the event, said.

"We're helping show the kids that the community really cares and wants to hear their story."

With service and community being major elements of a Wartburg education, members of Dance Marathon hope to get even more students involved next year, Sorenson said.

"Even if we can impact one child's life, that means so much," Sorenson said.

## Students 'Uncork' a cancer cause

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Wartburg students with personal ties to cancer are raising awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life with their own Uncorked for a Cause wine tasting fundraiser.

Having an assignment from class to help a non-profit organization, Jenny Dallenbach said she got involved because she feels like she has more knowledge about cancer than the average college student.

"My dad died of colon cancer 15 years ago and my aunt and uncle have both died from cancer," Dallenbach said.

"I have learned how to handle tough situations dealing with cancer and I feel like I am making a difference by planning and helping others out who are dealing with cancer."

Dallenbach along with Dylan Moore and Lauren Baskerville have been consulting with Wartburg alumnas and Relay for Life staff partner Sarah Foster to create the event.

Foster said she tries to stay out of the event planning as much as possible allowing the students to do 99 percent of the work.

"This is their baby and I am very hands off. The students have seriously taken it and just ran with it," Foster said.

"We will be celebrating the lives that are still here, we are remembering the ones that we have lost and we are fighting back against

cancer."

Foster said the students are in charge of finding all of the donations to make the wine tasting and silent auctions possible and have been working with Global Wines and Hy-vee.

The final event is scheduled to take place April 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Tendrils Rooftop within the Waverly Health Center.

Baskerville said they have been promoting their event with fliers and social media and hope to have around 100 attendees and raise \$1,000. All of the proceeds will go to American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

"I was diagnosed with melanoma in 2007 and even though my cancer was not as severe as many other cancer patients, I still want to do as much as I can for other people," Baskerville said.

"I have heard of this event before and thought it would be nice to do the event again."

Foster said this will be the fourth consecutive year of this fundraiser and is glad that the Wartburg students decided to take on this event.

"I think the Wartburg students have done an amazing job with the event so far and I am constantly in awe about how much they can accomplish in such a short period of time," Foster said.

"It is incredible to see these students come together and be able to pull an event like this off. These students are a cut above the rest."



Dylan Moore (left), Jenny Dallenbach, Lauren Baskerville and Sarah Foster are working on raising money for Relay for Life through a wine tasting event. — Emily Novotny/TRUMPET

  
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## KNIGHTLIFE



Aditi Patel, who introduced India, welcomed those in attendance in Indian at the culture show. — Laura DePenning/TRUMPET

## Culture Week celebrates diversity

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This year's Culture Week aimed to bring students together to celebrate diversity on campus and emphasize the idea that Wartburg is more than a college, it's a world within itself, Liza Gashi, student leader for Model United Nations, said.

"There's more to the world than your comfortable circle," Gashi said. "As an international student who has seen some initial intimidation from my being foreign, I think it's important for people to understand that."

Culture Week featured several events hosted by the International Club in conjunction with other student organizations to bring the different cultures represented on campus to the forefront of students' minds. The events included a culture fair, a Spanish film showing, Model United Nations, and the week's culminating event, the Culture Show on Saturday night.

The Culture Show features performances including dances, skits, and musical talents from international students' home cultures.

Jenna Rinehart, director of international student services, said the events are popular among students because of the appreciation for other cultures they bring.

"In the past Neumann has been almost full for the culture show, and I think a lot of that is because the international population on Wartburg really adds a lot, and this week allows the rest of campus to show that they really care

about that," Rinehart said.

Culture Week, Gashi said, is an important event on campus because though Wartburg students are open-minded, there is still a long way to go to achieve the global perspective she said she feels is so crucial.

"There's room for improvement on campus, there's a lack of understanding and assessing the needs of international students, but I think a lot of Wartburg students are willing to try, and I've seen a lot of progress," Gashi said.

This year is the second year that the Model United Nations will be included as a part of culture week, and Rinehart said the addition has been extremely beneficial to the lineup.

"With Model UN, it helps bring a balance of entertainment and educational opportunities to the week's schedule. It helps bring political issues to light and adds more focus to the event," Rinehart said.

Gashi said broadening perspectives of students has been a goal for her since arriving on campus, and that being involved in Culture Week has allowed her the opportunity to drive that point home.

"Me being here is about more than a major, I've always hoped that when I leave and go back home, people's lives will have been impacted by my culture and that awareness that there's so much more out there I try to bring," Gashi said. "You can't get away from diversity, it's everywhere, so embracing it is key to really living a full life."

## Wartburg students spread kindness

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While it may be getting colder outside, some Wartburg students were looking to warm people's hearts on March 22 with a sign of love.

Wartburg students gathered at the sidewalks of 4th Street and Bremer Avenue, holding signs with encouraging and uplifting messages aimed towards commuters.

"The Room of Love was first started as a welcoming program for freshmen and even more so as a way to spread ideas of respect and love throughout the entire campus so that everyone feels welcomed," Emma Hellevik said.

Though the participating members focus mostly on students' needs, Wartburg faculty has also been at the receiving end of the

group's positive messages.

"The professors and staff here put so much effort and time into each one of us students to succeed. I thought it was great to have students write letters just to say thank you for the work they have done," Alycia Sterenberg said. "They are shaping our lives in order for us to be great."

The group has worked to move beyond the Wartburg College campus and spread the message of love in the Waverly community with their most recent activity, Signs of Kindness.

"We decided this month that we would reach out to the community and not just only to Wartburg," Cailee Jo Whitefield said.

This is not the first time Waverly commuters have been greeted by cheerful Wartburg sign holders.



Holly Hejlik (left) and Robin Evans stood on Bremer Avenue as part of the Room of Love's project. — Laura DePenning/TRUMPET

## ETK asking for student opinion

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For the first time, Entertainment ToKnight (ETK) is accepting feedback for their large and small events on campus.

Surveys were emailed to students requesting feedback on their experiences in hopes to bring more of a variety of events for next year.

"Obviously we want students to come to the events and if no one comes, we aren't being successful," Ashley Lang, director of campus programming, said. "We want students to understand that we want to know what they want."

Lang said ETK has given students the opportunity to rank some events in the past, but this is the first time they have sent out surveys, and it's important because then they can book the performances students actually want.

"We haven't been able to get true feedback in the past as to what students want, so this is an effort for ETK to reexamine how they have operated this year," Lang said.

Lang said the main reason for doing the surveys now is to prepare for the National Association for Campus Activities conference in April where they will actually be booking some artists.

"We want to prepare ourselves for the conference and plan to take student suggestions into consideration while booking the events," Lang said.

With Large Event causing a

controversy this year, Katlyn Underwood, ETK president elect, said they have made some changes for next year on who will decide that event.

"Next year, the students will be voting on what they want the Large Event to be," Underwood said.

"Doing it this way, we know we are bringing in somebody that Wartburg students will enjoy."

So far, the ETK executive team said they are pleased with the feedback. Underwood said the feedback is consistent with what they thought.

Kelly Myers, a third-year student who completed the survey, said she's glad they are giving students a chance to speak their opinion.

"I feel like students can't complain when they are given the opportunity to speak their opinions,"

"We decided we would do a similar thing to what the orientation staff and the RAs did this year where they held signs and went out to Bremer and 4th and just promoted kindness around the community," Whitefield said.

Holly Hejlik, who is a member of the suite, said she enjoyed seeing so many people smile.

"Sometimes it's nice to know other people are thinking about you, especially if you have had a long day," Hejlik said.

"I think it made people feel good that although we may not know them, we want to help them out anyway."

The Room of Love has received a large amount of support for the Signs of Kindness event.

"The most rewarding part during the signs of kindness was when people would honk or smile or the kids that would wave out the windows. That was really wonderful," Hellevik said.

"For the suite overall, it has been rewarding to see the community Wartburg has to offer and how everyone really, truly enjoys each other," Hellevik said.

Whitefield said she feels that this type of service is needed.

"If nobody stepped up and did the service love based things, the community would just be kind of a sad, not friendly place. Waverly, ever since I came here from Texas, has been a great place to be," Whitefield said.

Myers said. "I know ETK got a lot of criticism this year for not having a Large Event and I think this is a good response from ETK to fix those issues."

Since March 11, there have been 160 responses from students, ranging in suggestions from more musical acts to novelty ones like inflatables and games, Lang said.

"We expected some comments regarding Large Event, but we haven't seen much negativity, which is reassuring because it makes us seem like we're on the right track," Lang said.

Surveys will come to a close by the end of next week and they will start to consider all the information, so students still have some time to get their voices heard, Lang said.



Ashley Lang (left) and Kyle Scobee hope a survey will help ETK find events that students are interested in. — Emily Novotny/TRUMPET

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## SPORTS

## Men's tennis wins three straight at home



Wartburg's Yusuf Chowdhry runs down a ball Wednesday at Hoover Fieldhouse. Chowdhry defeated Loras' John Moore 6-2, 6-0. He went 2-1 last week. —Emily Novotny/TRUMPET

## Koberna: Athletic trainer taking new job at Hope College in Michigan

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and such. I want to be able to have family be able to share those opportunities as well," he said.

Hope enrolls 3,200 undergraduates, almost twice as many as Wartburg, and features 20 varsity sports to Wartburg's 19.

"For me, it's an opportunity to go ahead and provide service to a program that's a little bit larger in nature from an athletic and academic standpoint," Koberna said. "It's an opportunity to provide leadership to a program that's in some transitions with their education program and their athletic program, all in the confines of being closer

to home."

The Flying Dutchmen are members of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association where they've won more all-sports trophies than any other school. Wartburg boasts the same statistic in the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Hope has won two national championships in school history, both in women's basketball, its most successful sport.

The Wartburg women's track team has won three indoor and two outdoor national championships during Koberna's tenure while the wrestling team has won five NCAA titles.

"I've had an opportunity to win

numerous national titles with both our wrestling and our track and field program and people dream of winning one championship and I've won several with each program. To do that has just been truly a blessing," Koberna said.

Koberna said he will miss the people at Wartburg more than anything.

"There are great people here from the administration to personal friends to student athletes," Koberna said.

"There's no doubt that this is a very special place and a place that were planning on staying for a very long time."

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The Knights men's tennis team made a big statement Wednesday in their second conference match-up of the season by sweeping Loras 9-0.

Senior Brian Rasmussen was proud of the way his team competed.

"Overall from top to bottom I think we played great," he said.

Starting the night with doubles, each of the three teams set the tone for the rest of the matches. The first, second and third teams won 8-6, 8-2 and 8-0 respectively.

"We came out in doubles with a lot of energy and we were able to really take the momentum from the start," Rasmussen said.

When it came to singles, the Du-hawks stood no chance.

Junior Dayton Stevens showed no mercy as he completely shut out his opponent Jeff Kasel in a 6-0, 6-0 win.

The rest of Steven's teammates also won their singles matches and Wartburg won the match handily.

The Knights competed in a triangular Saturday against Morningside and Cornell.

The first team to brave the Knights was Morningside with a 2-6 record. That record quickly became 2-7 when the match wrapped up around noon.

An 8-1 win for the Knights was the perfect way to begin the day. Head coach Matt Tyler was very pleased with the performance of his players.

"This is a solid win for us," Tyler said. "The guys are playing really well and it's paying off for them."

Yusuf Chowdhry dropped a three-set match against Morningside's Austin Grundy. This was the Knight's only loss to the Mustangs.

Looking ahead to their next match against Cornell, Tyler expressed the importance of focus.

"They will be more competitive against us so our mental focus has to remain present," Tyler said before the match.

The Knights seemed to be in the right state of mind as they battled to a 5-4 win. This was a huge step for the team being that the Rams

boasted a 10-1 record before they arrived at Wartburg.

Wartburg is now 8-5 overall and 1-1 in the Iowa Conference.

The Knights will be back in action next weekend in La Crosse, Wis. as they face non-conference opponents Wisconsin-La Crosse (14-5) and Wisconsin-Oshkosh (7-8).

Conference play begins again on April 9 at Dubuque (3-9) at 4 p.m.

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Coe	2-0	19-0
Buena Vista	3-1	7-3
WARTBURG	1-1	9-5
Dubuque	1-1	3-9
Luther	0-0	3-6
Simpson	0-0	2-7
Central	0-1	7-4
Loras	0-3	0-8

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• Check out updated baseball and softball rankings when they are released later this week.

There will be no Trumpet next week due to Easter Break but keep up with Wartburg sports on The Circuit.

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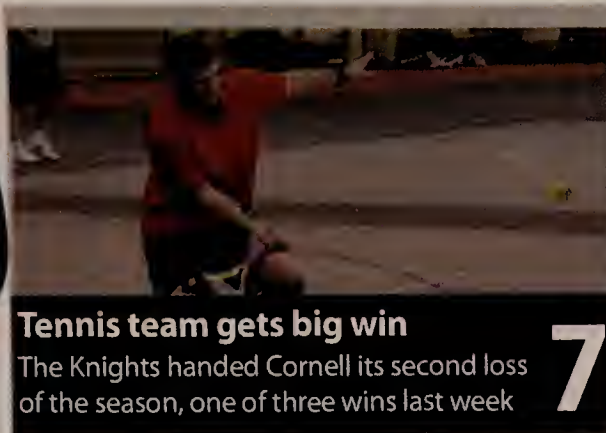
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### Tennis team gets big win

The Knights handed Cornell its second loss of the season, one of three wins last week

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### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday	Softball vs. Grinnell (DH)
Friday	Track at Augustana (Ill.)
	Softball at Augustana Tournament
	Baseball vs. Simpson (DH)
Saturday	Track at Augustana (Ill.)
	Softball at Augustana Tournament
	Baseball vs. Simpson (DH)
April 3	Softball at Luther
April 5-6	Track vs. Wartburg Select
	Baseball at Buena Vista (DH)

# Weather affects spring sports

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Instead of grabbing a whistle and clipboard Saturday morning, LeighAnn LaFave picked up a shovel.

LaFave and her Wartburg softball team were scheduled for a doubleheader at Cornell but the games were postponed to April 10 due to poor weather conditions.

The team took advantage of their off day to clear the snow off Lynes Softball Field.

"Obviously I'm sure they have homework or other things they want to do on a Saturday but part of a building a program is doing the extra little things and obviously we need a field to play so we're going to shovel and do what we need to do," LaFave said.

Senior infielder Ashley Bienemann said it was very difficult to get up and shovel snow instead of playing softball.

"We would have been up at this time leaving for our game so none of us really had anything planned or scheduled but to come out here and do this, I'm sure we're all gonna be sore," Bienemann said.

The baseball team was supposed to open conference play with two doubleheaders at Coe last weekend but those were also postponed. The Knights and Kohawks will play two in Cedar Rapids on May 5.

Meanwhile, the track teams were scheduled to open their outdoor season with two meets in Missouri over the weekend but elected not to

travel due to forecasted weather.

The women's golf team opened 2012 spring practice on Monday, March 26. The high temperature was 54 degrees and there wasn't a lick of snow on the ground.

This year the Knights are opening practice inside and will hope to open the spring portion of their schedule on April 13 in Cedar Rapids.

"This time last year we were definitely outside by the last week in March which is when we typically start practicing but it's not looking so good this year," senior golfer Kelsi Sawatzky said.

Wartburg qualified for the NCAA Championships, which take place in May, at the Iowa Conference championships last fall.

Teams from warmer climates have an advantage by being able to play year round and not worry about the snow.

Sawatzky said the indoor hitting range and putting area that was built in "The W" last year has helped the players since they aren't able to practice outside in the winter.

"Even though you can't tell where the ball is going you can still feel, we know about our swings well enough to know when we're hitting bad shots or when we're hitting good shots. Just getting in here and getting the repetitions I think helps a lot," she said.

The baseball team's home opener is scheduled for Friday while the softball team is hoping to open their home slate on Wednesday with a



Wartburg softball head coach LeighAnn LaFave shovels snow at Lynes Softball Field on Saturday morning. LaFave's team was supposed to play at Cornell on Saturday before it was postponed. —Nathan Ford/TRUMPET

doubleheader with Grinnell at 4 p.m.

Temperatures are expected to be in the 30's at the beginning of the week but increase to the 40's and even lower 50's by the weekend.

"It's hard to go play games in Florida and then to have to come back and go back inside," Bienemann said, referring to the team's Winter Break trip. "We're definitely looking forward to playing outside once the field's ready."



Even areas of Lynes Softball Field that aren't covered in snow are not ready for play. —Nathan Ford/TRUMPET

W SOFTBALL/BASEBALL	
2013 HOME SCHEDULE	
ALL DOUBLEHEADERS	
SOFTBALL	BASEBALL
Wed. Mar. 27 vs. Grinnell (4 p.m.)	Fri. Mar. 29 vs. Simpson (3:30 p.m.)
Tue. Apr. 9 vs. Loras (4 p.m.)	Sat. Mar. 30 vs. Simpson (1 p.m.)
Sat. Apr. 13 vs. Coe (2 p.m.)	Tue. Apr. 9 vs. Luther (3:30 p.m.)
Sat. Apr. 20 vs. Central (2 p.m.)	Fri. Apr. 19 vs. Central (3:30 p.m.)
Mon. Apr. 22 vs. Stephens (10 a.m.)	Sat. Apr. 20 vs. Central (1 p.m.)
	Fri. Apr. 26 vs. Dubuque (3:30 p.m.)
	Sat. Apr. 27 vs. Dubuque (1 p.m.)
	Sun. May. 5 vs. Coe (1 p.m.)

## Koberna will leave Wartburg at end of academic year

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Head athletic trainer Tim Koberna is leaving Wartburg at the end



Tim Koberna

of the academic year to take a position as head athletic trainer and assistant professor of kinesiology at Hope College in Holland, Mich.

Koberna is in his seventh year with the Knights and said he is leaving to be closer to family in Michigan.

"It's a decision and a process that I've been dealing with for the last month and it's been emotionally very draining and very, very difficult because Wartburg College has been very, very special to me," Koberna said.

Koberna won the Iowa Athletic Training Society's Collegiate Athletic Trainer of the Year in 2010-11.

Athletic Director Rick Willis said it's a hard situation because he's happy for Koberna's new opportunity but sorry to see him go.

"He's set a standard of care and service for our student athletes in our athletic training area that's very high," Willis said. "It will be certainly a challenge to replicate that."

Wartburg will look to fill Koberna's position by the end of the academic year but he said there is no immediate urgency.

Amanda Ellson and Emily Link

serve as assistant athletic trainers on the Knight's staff. Ellson is in her fourth year while Link is in her first year at Wartburg.

"We're fortunate, certainly, that Tim will be here through the end of the school year and be able to help us with the transition and so we'll get to work here soon on starting a process and that would just be putting the job description together and getting it advertised and having a search committee within our department that works on screening

candidates and then just go through a normal process from there," Willis said.

Koberna said it is about a 12 hour trip to family in Michigan now but moving to Holland will cut that to three hours.

"My daughter's gonna be a freshman in high school next year and really I'm trying to look at the next 8-12 years with my daughter's involvement in high school activities

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